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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Greatest Blessing that can Come to man

By D. L. Moody

I was twenty years old before I heard a sermon on *Regeneration*, or the *New Birth*. I was always told to be good, but you might as well tell a black man to be white. You might tell a slave to be free, but that would not make him free. Christ not only tells us to be free, but *He frees us*. In the third chapter of Genesis we read how man lost life. In the third chapter of John we find how to get it back again.

We are a bad lot, the whole of us, by nature. It is astonishing how the Devil blinds us and makes us think we are so naturally good. Suppose that our sins could all be stamped on our foreheads, do you not think there would be a stampede? Suppose a photographer could take a photograph of the heart, do you think he could find anyone willing to have such a photograph taken? Ladies arrange their hair and put on their best clothes, and men dress up and have their pictures taken; and if the photographer flatters them and makes them look ten years younger, they say, "You are the first man to do me justice," and they order a number of photographs and send them to their friends. But is that your *real self*? Suppose he took a photograph of your heart, would you send those around? You would break the plate and abuse the artist. Don't talk to me about people being naturally good and angelic. We are naturally bad, the whole of us (Rom. 3:9-19). The first man born of a woman was a murderer. Sin leaped into the world full-grown, and the whole race has been bad all the way down. Man is naturally bad.

Man has lost the image of God. Just take one description that Christ gives of the human heart: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man" (Matt. 15:19). Now, I want to ask you, How in the world can you get a pure stream when you have such an impure fountain? The trouble with people is that they are trying to make that stream good while the fountain is bad. It isn't patching up the old man that is needed, but it is cutting off the tree and putting a new graft in. It is an entire change—a new creation.

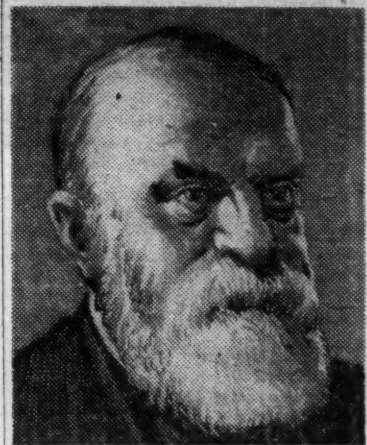
I have heard of reform, reform, until I am tired and sick of the whole thing. It is regeneration—a new life and a new nature—by the power of the Holy Ghost, that we need. It is not that men have just come a little short of the glory of God, and if they apply a little white-wash they will be all right. You may white-wash a pest-house, but it will be a pest-house still. A man was told the water in his well was bad. "Well," said he, "I'll see to it," and he painted the pump. There are a lot of people trying to make the well all right by painting the pump. What you want is to go to the *source*. Make the fountain good and the stream will be good. Let the heart be right, and the life will be right, the hand be right and the foot will be right. The seat of trouble is the *heart*; what man needs is a new birth, a new creation (John 3:3-7).

Good resolutions are not new birth. Turning over a new leaf, making promises, or making vows—that isn't new birth at all.

Perhaps some of you ask, "What is it?"

Well, listen: "Christ came unto His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13). When I was born of my mother I got a life from her; but in Boston, seventeen years afterwards, I was born from above. I got life from God then—a new life, distinct from the natural life. How did I get it? By receiving the word of God into my heart. Christ says: "The words

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D. L. Moody

The Pharisee and the Publican

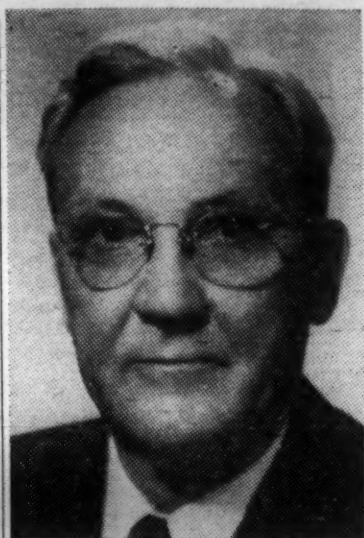
Bishop J. C. Ryle

"And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."—Luke 18:9-14.

The parable we have now read is closely connected with the one which immediately precedes it. The parable of the persevering widow teaches the value of importunity in prayer. The parable of the Pharisee and publican teaches the spirit which should pervade our prayers. The first parable encourages us to pray and faint not. The second parable reminds us how and in what manner we ought

to pray. Both should be often pondered by every true Christian. Let us notice, firstly, the *sin against which our Lord Jesus warns us in these verses*. There is no difficulty in finding out this. St. Luke tells us expressly, "He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised

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Dr. Bob Shuler

Rapture Before Tribulation

Eight Scriptural Reasons Why Christ Must Come For His Saints Before the Tribulation

by Evangelist John R. Rice

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."—Matthew 24:15-21.

Here are some reasons that seem to me absolutely conclusive that Christ will come for His saints before the Great Tribulation; that awful time pictured in Matthew 24:21, and elsewhere in the Bible, including Revelation.

I. The Plain Command of Jesus Repeated Several Times in the Gospels that We Should Watch Expectantly for Christ's Coming Proves that He May Come at Any Time.

Note the following Scriptures:

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."—Matt. 24:42.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."—Matt. 25:13.

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."—Mark 13:33.

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping, And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."—Mark 13:35-37.

Certainly Jesus commanded His disciples and commanded us to be watching for His coming. It would be dishonest for God to require us to be watching now for hundreds of years if His coming were not imminent, that is, if He might not come at any time. The plain implication of these Scriptures so understood by honest readers practically everywhere when they are taken at face value, is that we are to watch for Jesus because He may come at any moment. If it were already a settled fact that Jesus were not coming at all, then Jesus could not in good faith command us to watch for His coming. What is the point of the parable of the ten virgins watching for the tarrying bridegroom who might come at any moment and did so come? (Matt. 25:1-13). It is that Jesus may come today. "Watch therefore!" What is the point of the parables about the servant watching for the master who might return any moment? (Matt. 24:42-51; Mark 13:33-37). The point is clear. We are to watch constantly since Jesus may come at any moment.

But if it were a settled fact that He could not come now, not un-

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THE LIFE

By Rev. Bob Shuler, D.D.
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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6

"God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."—I John 5:11.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—John 10:10.

The way, the truth, the life, all in a single package! the whole culminates in the life, here and hereafter, now and forever. The way leads to the truth, the truth to the life, and life leads on forever.

Proverbs' wise man said, "Train up a child in the way." That's the advice of superlative wisdom. What is the result? "When he is old he will not depart." How old? When he is a million years old, he will still be headed in the same direction. It is a straight way and leads on forever. Jesus is the way. He is the truth, the true way, the way of truth. He is that into which the way and the truth lead, the life. The all-important matter, according to the wise man of Proverbs, is to get the child into the way.

Nicodemus came to Jesus with a question. The answer still puzzles the cynic. Even some sincere scholarship still questions that answer. Agnostic science is not satisfied with it. Nicodemus asked, "How can a man be born again when he is old?" That question followed the challenging affirmation by Jesus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And now, in answer, he faces the inquirer with a practical affirmation of the same truth he had originally proclaimed: "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Jesus here is dealing with life, with the origin of life, with the beginning of life. Here is something that must happen before there is life. Christ is content to answer the puzzling question of Nicodemus with a truth as deep, as rich, as far-reaching as eternity itself. He joins the wise man of Proverbs in assuring us that there is a way that leads to life here and hereafter, and that way is the way of the new birth. The mystery of this Heaven-sent truth, we discuss later, but the way and the truth that congeal in the statement of Jesus is all-important at this point.

Whatever else the words of Jesus may or may not have meant as He faced this ruler of the Jews, it is certain that He taught that the only entrance into eternal life was by way of a spiritual birth.

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Noteworthy NEWS Notes

From Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., come a number of news notes, the first of which announces the three finalists in the ministerial student sermon contest. These young men, Sven Esselstrom, Earl Miller, and Frank Smith, were chosen on a competitive basis from 1200 university ministerial students. Their 15-minute, original sermons will be delivered May 25, and the winner will be announced May 28.

"You Can't Win," a black and white film by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., had simultaneous premiers May 9, 10, and 11 in about 100 cities nationwide. The forty-minute film is the second in this series, and the fourth production released by Unusual Films studios, opened on the Bob Jones campus less than two years ago.

Administrators of Bob Jones University recently decided to set aside one-half of the Student Loan Endowment Fund for the missionary propagation of the Gospel. The remaining half will be used at the university to train Christian leaders who require financial assistance. Of the \$1,000,000 Fund goal, \$700,000 has already been raised.

Commencement activities at the University occur May 23-28. Featured on the agenda are the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Reidar Simonsen; the Vesper program; premiere of "Pound of Flesh," a full-color sermon film by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.; the sermon contest finals; music and speech contests; and the graduation Convocation. Over four hundred students will receive degrees at the twenty-fifth annual exercises.

Great Colored Singer Gone

E. T. Tindley, great Negro soloist, went home to be with his Lord last November. His was a great voice. Never have we heard a greater gospel soloist. He sang at several Sword of the Lord conferences with great blessing. He will be missed by thousands. Let us remember his wife and the other members of the family very definitely in prayer.

Jackson College, Honolulu, Hawaii, announces that it will shortly conclude its fourth year of operation. According to Professor Elmer E. Bloom, it is an evangelical Christian College where every member of the faculty is born-again and the students attend Gospel chapel services. Bible classes at the College are a requirement. In addition to the day school classes, there are three evening schools for both civilians and servicemen stationed on the island.

Dr. Leland Wang Beaten and Robbed

Accosted by ten bandits on the road to T. Priok, Java, Dr. Leland Wang, President of the Chinese Foreign Missionary Union and well-known Chinese evangelist, and friend of this editor, was beaten and robbed January 18, 1952.

Dr. Wang was on his way to meet his wife and Miss Rose Wong who were arriving from Southampton on board the S. S. Oranje, when the incident occurred. The thieves cut open his suitcase and stole the contents, including his Bible, passport and 20 visas, certificates of admission to Singapore, sermon notes, address book, important documents, fountain pens and clothes. The Moody film, "Dust or Destiny," which he had shown for the first time in West Java, was stolen also, but afterward recovered in the water. Dr. Wang was not seriously injured.

Dr. Wang later gave this inimitable testimony: "My Bible was lost, but not the Christ; my sermon notes were lost, but not the message; my passport was lost, but not the way to Heaven; my address book was lost, but not the friends."

In spite of occasional difficulties, Dr. Wang reports that the work in the East Indies is progressing well, with several new churches recently organized. He adds that his meetings have been having the Lord's blessing, with many souls saved. He requests that his praying friends write and give him new addresses to replace those which were lost. His address is: Dr. Leland Wang, Temenggungan Wetan 6, Malang, Java, Indonesia.

Pictured below is "Abu-arquob," the beautiful Arabian stallion presented to Evangelist Bill Rice by the late Abdullah, king of Trans-Jordan. The horse's former keeper, also pictured above is stationed at the Royal Stables in Ammon, and is a member of the Arab Legion, the world's most famous band of desert warriors.

Both "Abu-arquob" and "Saglaway," the Arab mare accompanying the stallion, are now at the Bill Rice Ranch near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. These beautiful horses may be seen at the Cumberland Conference scheduled for July 13-20 at the Rice Ranch. They will help demonstrate the pioneer spirit characterizing the first of the Cumberland summer Christian Conferences, where preachers and laymen will gather this summer to help construct a new Christian conference grounds. (See details in this issue.)

Dr. Carey Thomas Becomes President of Seminary

The trustees of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado, have announced the appointment of Dr. Carey S. Thomas as its first president. Former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Altoona, Pennsylvania, for 25 years, Dr. Thomas has had experience as trustee of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Philadelphia School of the Bible, and has been active in the National Association of Evangelicals.

THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Have you written your letter requesting the new book of *Poems That Preach*, about 110 beautiful poems, sifted, popular, greatly-used poems? The first letters for Letter Month have been coming in for three days (this is written Wednesday, May 7.) The fine enthusiastic letters and requests caused us to start printing 3,000 extra copies of *Poems That Preach*. It is not surprising, perhaps, that a large proportion of the first requests for *Poems That Preach* are by ministers. They want enrichment of heart, the spice for their sermons, the color, pathos and punch that these beautiful and striking poems will add to their sermons. Ready for you is a beautiful copy printed in purple ink, size 5½x8 inches, if you write a letter and specifically request *Poems That Preach*.

Those who prefer may have *Bible Facts About Heaven* instead, just for writing us during Letter Month. Not a post card, please, but a letter, and, of course, we do not pay postage on your letters to us requesting the free books.

Remember that there are great bargains during Letter Month; for every \$5 cash retail order you may have a lovely book free, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper. And remember the prizes for letters which are published. Letter Month closes midnight, June 10. Have your letter in the post office, postmarked before that time.

God Can Make a Sick Bed Sweet

I have just had three days in bed with a bad case of the flu. Fever, every muscle sore, throat sore and swollen—I had some uncomfortable hours. On the third day penicillin broke the infection in my throat, and the fever subsided. Monday I got out of bed to do some work. I was able only to select three sermons for use in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, then went back to bed! Tuesday I bravely dressed and came to work with a fever of over 100. The doctor insisted I could not work, and in less than one hour I was thor-

Graham Welcomed to England

(E/P) Billy Graham's recent visit to England attracted a great deal of interest among the people there. Great crowds heard him preach in revival services in Albert Hall, London.

Christian Booksellers Plan Convention

CHICAGO, (E/P) The third annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association will be held at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, August 19-21, 1952. CBA, in its infancy boasts a membership of approximately 300, and at its 1951 convention 66 publishers and exhibitors used a total of 88 booths for displays. Almost every major publishing house, independent and denominational alike, were represented as exhibitors. Headquarters of this fast growing group is Christian Booksellers Association, 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 10, Illinois.

Declares America at Lowest Moral Level

CHICAGO, (E/P) Delegates to the 10th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals were told by retiring president, Dr. Frederick Curtis Fowler in his presidential address that this country has reached the lowest moral level of its history in spite of the fact that 60 per cent of its people—the highest proportion in its history—are now members of some church. Fowler laid the blame for the present moral collapse in the materialistic education in America and traced the evil back to educators centered in John Dewey of Columbia University who questioned and denied the very existence of God and ruled out any final authority except their own knowledge. Fowler warned, "You cannot disregard God and ignore His moral laws

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oughly convinced that he was right; so back to bed again! Now my first full day up I am doing better. But the Lord was very sweet and precious. He made all my bed in my sickness. He comforted me on the bed of languishing. God chastens every son whom He receives; and how wicked and foolish it would be to be wearied with the chastening of the Lord! I would rather have God's hand heavy on me for a bit, yet have His attention and know that He cared about my life, than to go my own way without any touch from God. I have rarely been sick. Not for twelve years, I suppose, have I spent three consecutive days in bed before. Perhaps unusual toil and stresses had worn me out and prepared me for the little bugs that attacked me. Thank God for a Saviour who is nearer in sickness than in health; nearer in trouble than in prosperity!

Meet Me at Biloxi, June 1-6

We are having a tremendous response from pastors and people in the Gulf Coast area who intend to come to the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Biloxi, Mississippi, at the Methodist Seashore Assembly Ground, June 1-6. We expect a wonderful time of refreshing from Heaven. Come and drink of the fountain that flows so freely from the throne of God! Come drink of the water of which Jesus said, "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Big program, fine music, great vacation possibilities among most kindly southern people. We believe that hearts will never be the same after that week.

Remember other Sword conferences at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 7-11; at Bill Rice ranch, 9 miles north of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 13-20 (a work conference where we will rough it together. You may have meals free Monday through Saturday if you do four hour's hard work in building the conference buildings and grounds. Preachers and ministerial students will learn the art of sermon-making); at Fort Smith, Arkansas, First Baptist Church, August 10-15. Write for as many folders as you can use of any of these conferences.

Expansion Plans at Sword

God has laid on our hearts to plan and pray for a great expansion of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. First, we need a new modern building. Negotiations are under way for a site. Building and lot should cost perhaps \$250,000. Second, we will need some additional equipment to save money in our work. Then we will need about \$200,000 of permanent capital to take the place of borrowed money and to permit expansion in several fields. I suggest that prayerful, godly Christians put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in your wills. Where else could you leave a farm or ranch, or business building, or stocks and bonds to do more good than if left in your will to the Sword of the Lord Foundation, to get out the gospel through all the world? Some others would do well to make large gifts now to the Sword of the Lord Foundation. Such gifts are deductible from taxable income, and so recognized and encouraged by the Federal government. Pray for expansion plans.

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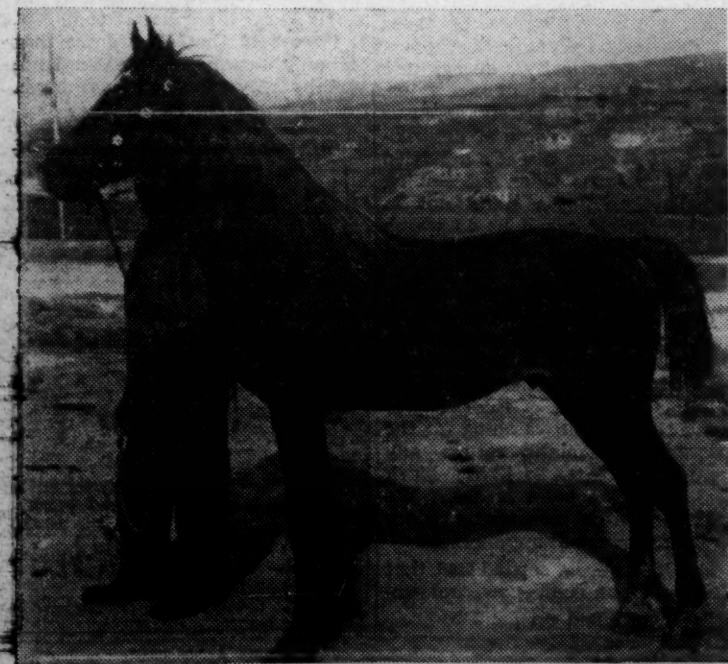
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We are glad to start in this issue of *The Sword of the Lord* prize letters. For the first letter, from "Nevada Bill," pioneer western preacher, we send a merchandise credit slip for \$5. The other three letters each drew merchandise credit slips of \$2 each. Through the rest of May and June, each week we will be publishing prize letters sent in during Letter Month. You may win a prize! Your letter may be published in *The Sword of the Lord*. Write today.

WM. HENRY H. HURST "NEVADA BILL"

Western Preacher and Evangelist
San Antonio, Texas

May 1, 1952

Dear Brother Rice;

I am taking several religious papers and magazines. I read them and pass them on. If hard times ever force me to drop some of them, I promise you now that *The Sword of the Lord* will be the last one to go. It always brings inspiration and renews determination to fight the good fight of faith.

I am so glad you held the meeting in Cody, Wyoming. How well I know the wonderful kindness and honesty of those true western people! Even those whom the world calls rough and tough—deep in their hearts they really love a good man and a virtuous woman. Some folk ask me if it isn't dangerous to be on the streets of some of those western towns. Ho! ho! If any one on those streets should be foolish enough to strike an old preacher, or insult a good woman, a thousand fists would soon be in the air for our protection.

Recently near Benjamin, Texas, I went to the home of an old cowgirl about 90 years of age. I sang some songs with my guitar and just before I was going to pray, that dear old girl of the ranch and cactus said, "Please sing one more; sing 'Amazing Grace.'" She stood by me and sung with all her might. Her voice and personality caused me to see more of God's love in that song than I had ever experienced before.

Last Sunday Brother Sam Morris filled the pulpit for Dr. Perry Webb at First Baptist Church here. Sam is always good and is improving as he gets more experience. The same is true of Brother Webb. I haven't heard you since several years ago at Bible Center in Terre Haute, Indiana. Presidential elections will make no change in the gospel preaching of Morris, Webb and Rice. Thank God for you boys and many others of us—while I can't preach like you boys, I can STAND IN MY PLACE.

Be sure to take time out for that big game hunt in Wyoming. It will be good for your health. I do hope you can live a long time. When Gipsy Smith was 84, I saw him stand in a pulpit in Los Angeles and underwrite a debt of \$60,000. He then prayed for two weeks' time to raise the money and one extra night to raise enough for himself to make it to the next city. Ha! ha! Saints and sinners all joined in saying, "We'll see that you don't have to walk."



I am enclosing my picture. You can guess at my age. I can still run, jump, ride, shoot, sing, preach and pray. My singing and speaking voice was never better. Thanks be to God!

May God bless you and all of your helpers.

(Signed) Wm. H. H. Hurst

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH
Smith Falls, Ontario

May 1, 1952

Dear Dr. Rice and friends:

This letter is in response to your invitation for letters during letter month. I have been taking *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* for seven years and I can honestly say that it is the best evangelical periodical I have ever read. I wouldn't be without it even if it were triple the price. As a young man in the ministry with a limited library, I file all copies of *THE SWORD* and they are invaluable to me in my preaching ministry. God has used me to the salvation of souls for which I am grateful to Him. Many illustrations, outlines and ideas for sermons have come from *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. I am also a member of the Sword Book Club, and I enjoy the books very much.

...I enjoy particularly reading Bob Shuler and Dr. Lee and, of course, your own sermons and articles. I feel that we need teaching on the deeper life for Christians. In this connection, I have enjoyed sermons by F. B. Meyer and make it a point to read all that he has written. I agree with you, Dr. Rice, on the need for the fullness of the Spirit, and follow Torrey and other great soul winners in their teaching on the Spirit's baptism. The time is short; we must do all we can before Jesus comes again. May God bless you in your labour of love in turning out such a sane, sound, scriptural paper as *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Fred C. Gould

May 1, 1952

Bolivar, Missouri

Dear Brother Rice:

Had intended to write several times of late but it took your letter month campaign to get the gears in operation. I do want to tell you that quite a few years ago (I believe in 1939) before I had found Christ as my Saviour, I had seed planted in my heart and mind through your booklet on *The Second Coming of Christ in Daniel*. That was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Then in 1950, in Kansas City, I was saved and my pastor, Del Fehsenfeld, sent me *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and several of your books. Since that time I have accepted the call to preaching the gospel and through your paper and books God has revealed much light to me. I thank God for how he has used you and your staff in the many ways of spreading His gospel and may He use you to win many more precious souls unto Him. We will continue to remember you and your family and the staff in our prayers. I am at present attending Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri, and hope to go from here to Tennessee Temple College if the Lord so leads. I wish to subscribe to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* for the following persons:....

Yours in Him,

(Signed) Bill Doering

May 3, 1952

Hillsboro, Kansas

Dear Dr. Rice:

...I would like to say that I greatly appreciate your firm and loyal stand for the truth of the Gospel in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

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TRAINS STILL RUN BOTH WAYS!

By the Editor

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."—Gal. 6:6.

In Letter Month 1948, we ran an article on the subject, "Trains Run Both Ways!" So many people liked that editorial that we print it again for Letter Month. Remember Letter Month closes June 10. We want thousands of letters postmarked by midnight, June 10. We want your orders, your subscriptions; we want you to write for the free gift of the lovely volume, *Poems That Preach or Bible Facts About Heaven*. You may have either one absolutely free by writing for it. But write a letter, not a postcard. And if you use a *Sword of the Lord* envelope, pay the postage on it. Ask for only one copy, please, free. And be sure to tell us what free dividends you want for orders or subscriptions or gifts of \$5 or more.

Now read again the article, "Trains Run Both Ways!"

Trains run from Wheaton, Illinois, to your town. Trains carry *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and books and pamphlets and our letters to you. But trains run the other way, too! Trains run from your town to Wheaton. It would be a poor railroad system where trains did not run both ways. And it is a poor kind of Christianity where the one who is taught does not communicate with the teacher. It is a poor kind of Christianity when those who are blessed do not feel their responsibility to those whom God has used to be a blessing.

That is what the Scripture teaches in Galatians 6:6, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

The word *communicate* in this verse really means to "share with." One who is taught in the Word should share all good things with him that teacheth, says the Word of God.

The Bible makes it clear that "They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). Paul said plainly to the Corinthian Christians, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (I Cor. 9:11). God intended that one who works for Christ should have reward. God intended that one who preaches the gospel should be supported. God intended that one who blesses others should be blessed and remembered himself.

One of the first lessons in social courtesy that I ever learned was that when I went to a party I must always go and thank the hostess and let her know that I appreciated the good time she had provided. It would be a sure sign of ill breeding and of a discourteous, boorish heart not to feel grateful for hospitality and not to express that gratitude of heart to those who had gone to trouble to entertain and please one. So many times when one goes to a nice dinner he likes to carry a box of candy or some flowers to the hostess who does so much for his pleasure.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if Christians could be nice people as well as Christians? Wouldn't it be fine if those who are saved and going to Heaven and orthodox in doctrine, could also be courteous gentlemen and gentlewomen? Sadly enough, many people who are saved do not have the graces and courtesies that would fit with good Christian hearts.

If your pastor preaches a sermon which helps you and blesses you, go tell him so! It will comfort his heart and strengthen him for service. How sad is many an earnest, honest preacher who preaches to callous-hearted people who do not have the Christian grace to say, "Thank you!" for the blessing they received.

And some of you who read this thank your pastors, as you should, but never send a word of gratitude for the blessings you receive

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ed prayer and blessing. Here you will find many of the favorites of a past generation, poets who felt the common pulse, like Edgar Guest, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Edward Rowland Sill—folks who wrote of everyday things, and the lessons to be learned from them. Then you will find here poems by great men of our own day—Bob Jones, Jr., Eugene Harrison, and John R. Rice.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Evangelist Eddie Wagner and song leader, James Stoutenborough, recently closed a time of revival at the First Baptist Church of Sparta, Michigan. There were 67 who accepted the Lord as Saviour, 64 rededications, 83 young people consecrated, and over 200 other decisions made by Christians. Since the close of the revival the pastor, Rev. Richard C. Kirk, reports blessings continuing, with Sunday School attendance at an all-time high.

Rev. Del A. Fehsenfeld of Kansas City, Kansas, reports a revival meeting in Coffeyville, Kansas, recently concluded. "The daily radio broadcast and the customary open doors for service stirred my soul," Fehsenfeld writes. "We had . . . a number added to the fold — 25 or 30, I believe. They seem to be awake and on the way again for the Lord." Pastor Fehsenfeld also reports that about 300 souls have been won in the last 18 months in his own church.

Rev. J. D. Carlson of Minneapolis has been holding a series of brief eight-day Evangelistic conferences during the past two months, assisted in music by his talented wife. Their travels have taken them from St. Paul, Minnesota; to Allentown, Pennsylvania; Aberdeen, South Dakota; and British Columbia. Mr. Carlson states that God has blessed the efforts, and requests prayer for coming campaigns in Canada, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York.

The Woodbury Road Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was the scene of a revival under the ministry of Evangelist Jimmy Hodges; Pastor Donald Rutledge relates that the spirit of revival still prevails. Results of the labor were recorded as 20 conversions and 43 rededications and consecrations for service.

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, past Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptists, and currently pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, was used of God April 16-25 in Jacksonville, Florida. Preaching at the Springfield Baptist Church of that city, Dr. McCall, assisted by singer Harry Welch, won 39 persons to Christ. In addition, there were 214 other responses.

Evangelist Millard A. Jenkins, long pastor, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, reports a good revival at the Proctor Street Baptist Church of Port Arthur, Texas. He writes, "I have never seen a church more truly revived than I have seen here. I think I have never seen quite so many people weeping in a service—some over their sins, some for joy over decision to go all out for the Lord. . . . How our nation needs a revival!"

Evangelist Bill Piper of Greenville, South Carolina, sends word of God's great blessing on his revival work throughout the first four months of 1952. During this time six campaigns were held and 1655 people made public decisions for Christ. Of this number, 421 were for salvation, 1,085 rededicated their lives to Christ, and 149 promised God to establish family altars. The meetings were held in California, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Brother Piper writes, "I have been impressed by the meetings this year to sincerely believe that there has been no retarding of the revival spirit that has been permeating the country for the past two years. In most places there is a real crying after God and a heart hunger for the Truth."

From Evangelist Louis Wunneburger of Austin, Texas, comes word of a Spirit-sent revival in

the First Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri. During the course of the campaign a total of 98 persons responded to the invitations, 70 of which were for salvation. Entire families were saved and baptized, and other distinguished members of the community found Christ. Many said that it was the greatest revival in the church in 35 years. May 4-18 Brother Wunneburger was at the Rosen Heights Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, but a final report of the campaign has not yet come.

The people of the Sylvania Heights Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, praise the Lord for a very good campaign under the ministry of Evangelist Ed Nelson, of Denver, Colorado. There were souls saved at every service — sixty-five in all — and the attendance was exceptionally good every day. Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen writes, "Especially commendable was the evangelist's patience and thoroughness in the inquiry room. . . . We recommend Ed Nelson as a man called of God to be an evangelist and one who is sincere, earnest and a prayer warrior."

Sword Staff Evangelist Meeting

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

We thank God for refreshing events coming along the way to stimulate us. One such event we experienced as we sat in on a morning session of the Sword evangelists, who spent four refreshing days, April 29-May 2, at Wheaton in conference. They were discussing simultaneous evangelistic campaigns. They favored such campaigns.

Then, they were discussing ethical relationships with pastors and churches. Under the leadership of Director Bill Rice and Rev. Ralph Mucher, field secretary, they sounded unanimously an emphatic note for building His Church and strengthening the hand of the pastor. We have been in innumerable church, association, state, and Southwide evangelistic groups. Never have we heard the ethics of these Sword evangelists excelled. Great Christian spirit!

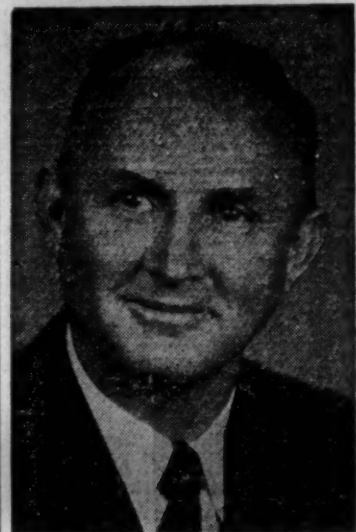
Dr. John R. Rice, as always, was refreshing with his Bible teachings.

The staff evangelists are: Kenneth Chapman, 921 W. Main St., Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Ray Cutchin, 46 Aylwin Rd., Portsmouth, Va.; Claude McDonald, 3615 Westmont, Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. H. Melton, Box 12 Blytheville, Ark.; Dolphus Price, 4912 Carolyn Ave.,

Chattanooga, Tenn.; Joe B. Rice, 505 N. Boulevard, Edmond, Okla.; James Threlfall, 182 Luther St., Pontiac, Mich.; Eddie Wagner, 3418 W. 13th St., Little Rock, Ark.; J. Oscar Wells, Box 417, Bethany, Okla.

As many as a half dozen other good spiritual, Bible-believing, proven evangelists may be added in the near future.

Gospel Singer Available



Gospel singer Jimmy T. Williams of 220 Conger Street, Jackson, Tennessee, announces that he currently has a number of open dates for revival campaigns. He has had experience as soloist at several large revivals, and is well recommended by pastors and evangelists in many states.

A graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, Evangelist Williams continued his work at

and you have a full circumference of the sum total of Jesus Christ that, if brought to bear by twice-born men and women, may cure the ache at the heart of the world and solve the tangled problems of men, to where there will be peace and plenty and every other hoped-for blessing. But never forget, the necessary beginning of this whole question of life and the living of it, was announced by Jesus when He said, "Marvel not that I said unto you, ye must be born again."

The tragedy of our churches is that in this modern day, multitudes whose names are on our church rolls have never been born again. They seek to live without having life. They may be altogether loyal to the church. They may be decent, law-abiding and highly-respected people. They may give generously to the church budget and the benevolent enterprises of the church. They attend the services of the church regularly. They may take part properly in the worship service. They may even worship, as men have always worshipped. They may take their stand on the side of righteousness. They may oppose every evil that seeks to undermine moral character. They may have kept the whole law as perfectly as men may keep the law of God. But, if Christ meant what He said to Nicodemus, they are undone sinners without hope in time or eternity, if they have not been born again. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," Christ said it deliberately.

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The Life

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"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." It is high noon on this question in the church of God today. Scholarship, so-called, has discovered so many lesser paths and there are so many theologians seeking to climb up some other way, that it behooves us to hear Jesus speak: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." This is final.

According to Jesus, there is nothing abnormal or unreasonable in this, the only avenue into eternal life. It is to be expected, if indeed you know what life is. Life always begins with birth. There is no life without birth. Said Jesus: You may not fully understand the winds that blow, where they come from or whither they travel, but only a fool would deny that they blow. That fact is locked up, without question, in the experience of every man whose cheek was ever fanned by a zephyr or whose body was ever driven by a storm.

But Nicodemus was insistent. "How can these things be?" said this honest seeker after the way and the truth that lead unto life. Jesus met his question squarely: "I tell you of heavenly things." Here is a supernatural manifestation. The new birth is not of men. Said Jesus: I have come down from Heaven with this secret of eternal life. The fact is, I brought this life down out of Heaven with me and I myself am this life, is the sum total of the contention of this strange Galilean, and, I am now announcing the initial step, the entrance into the way, the new birth. If you would enter the kingdom of God, here is the door. I am the door.

Then Jesus squared Himself before the sophisticated wisdom of all the centuries and answered the agnosticism of every doubting generation with these words:

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Herein is life. "I am come that they might have life." "How can these things be?" Here is the answer: "This life is in his Son." The Christian life is just as plain as the way that wayfaring men may ever find illumined before their feet. It is just as simple and as easily comprehended as is the truth that by child-like faith in

Jesus Christ all men may have. In fact, He who is the way and the truth is also the life. All come on the same level and are arrived at by the same act of faith. Truly, they are delivered in the same package! A sinner finds the way by faith. He finds the truth by faith. He finds the life by faith. Let us never waver in our insistence that the Christian life is heavenly bestowed and never comes by any righteous or meritorious act of those to whom it comes. Christ, and Christ alone, can impart this life. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is all that Heaven requires of those who are dead in trespasses and in sins. By faith we may come to where Jesus Christ becomes life in us. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. His strength becomes our strength. His courage becomes our courage. His victory over the world, the flesh and the Devil becomes our victory. We may not understand this deep mystery but the winds of Heaven fan our cheeks, old things pass away, all things become new, the things we once loved we come to hate, and the things we once hated are lovely to us. We marvel no longer, save at the mercy and love and compassion of our heavenly Father, who made possible such a salvation. With Paul, we can testify that the great light hath shown upon us. We have been born again!

If you begin with the beginning, you have no trouble with the journey. All educational and cultural processes that belong to the teachings of Jesus enter into the living of this life, once it is begun. Human relationships; decisions that lead to social fairness and justice to those who are oppressed; attitudes on racial questions, economic questions; the important matter of peace and war; in fact, all human relationships may now reach out for any help possible from the Sermon on the Mount, the Golden Rule, and all else that Jesus taught, once you have been born again! All areas within your life may now be brought into conformity with the philosophy of life that Jesus enunciated, once you have been born again! "The Jesus way of life" becomes important, once you have been born again!

But we dare not substitute all the rest for that one mandatory transaction, announced by Jesus to the ruler of the Jews long years ago. It is the pivot. All revolves around this one great fact. Swing about this truth all the words that Jesus ever uttered, and all the glorious life He lived,

Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Berkeley, California, where he earned his B. D. degree. Concurrent with his theological studies, he also studied music throughout college and seminary, and has generally done more singing than preaching since then; he sang full-time for four years before finishing his seminary work. He is now an ordained minister.

Included among his recommendations are those by the Department of Music, Baptist General Convention of Texas; and the Department of Music, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, Wilbur F. Martin, Chairman. Professor Martin states, "Brother Williams is known as a consecrated and effective gospel singer and song leader. . . . I take great pleasure in recommending him as a fine Christian worker and one who will always get behind a program and work." Comparable endorsements come from Dean Clyde Jay Garrett of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas; Rev. Floyd B. Chaffin of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Dr. S. G. Posey, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention of California; Dr. C. E. Autrey, Dr. W. Morris Ford, Dr. Loyd B. Simmons, and other well-known pastors and laymen. Evangelist Williams may be contacted at his Tennessee residence.

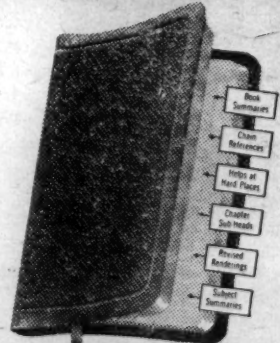
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Rapture Before Tribulation

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til after a certain set three and one-half years are past which are well-defined in Scripture, and will be recognized by all, then it would be unreasonable for Him to require us to be watching for that which could not possibly yet come to pass.

II. There Are Many Other Indications in the Scripture that the Proper Attitude for a Christian Is to Be Constantly Expecting Christ's Coming

First, that was certainly Paul's attitude endorsed by divine revelation in I Thessalonians 4:17, when he said, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." Paul expected Jesus to come in his lifetime and the Holy Spirit puts His seal of approval on that expectation by putting it into divine revelation. Second, Philippians 3:20 says, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." That Scripture clearly means expectation of Christ's imminent coming. Third, Revelation 22:20 says, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." "Behold I come quickly" must mean that Jesus is to be expected soon and the inspired prayer of John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" must mean that John was eager for Him to come soon and that this was the proper prayer for a Christian, that Jesus should come soon.

Fourth, I John 2:28 says, "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." The meaning of this verse

seems to be that Christians ought to constantly "abide" in Christ, that is, be continually ready for His coming, lest when Jesus should come we should be caught unexpectedly out of His will and so, "be ashamed before him at his coming." The only way to be sure that you will be unashamed and unembarrassed at the coming of Christ is to be ready all the time, abiding in Him constantly, so that whenever He shall come, you will be in His will and not be suddenly caught in some place where a Christian should not be, or in some attitude of mind, or state of life, where you do not want Christ's coming to find you. Christians, then, should be constantly abiding as well as constantly watching, and for the same reason—that He may come at any moment.

All these Scriptures would be meaningless and contrary to the facts if we must first go through the tribulation before Christ could come and if His coming be not imminent.

III. If Christ's Coming and the Rapture Followed the Tribulation There Could Be No Element of Surprise, No Need of Watching

The tribulation period is such a definite, well-defined period that any Bible student who lived in the tribulation time would know when it began, how long it would last, when it would end. The Scripture specifically tells us that the Great Tribulation will begin with the abomination of desolation when the Man of Sin will enter a temple at Jerusalem claiming to be God, and, breaking his covenant with the Jews, will command them to worship him (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15, 21). It will last for one half of Daniel's seventieth week of

seven years (Dan. 9:27) that is, three and one-half years of times (Dan. 7:25, Rev. 12:14); that is, 42 months (Rev. 11:2), or exactly 1,260 days (Rev. 11:3, but espe-

cially Rev. 12:6). Everyone could know when those 1,260 days began, everyone could know when they would end, and all warnings in the Bible to be watching would

be in vain and foolish if Christ's coming and the rapture would not be until the close of the tribulation. (Continued on page 8)

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I often receive "prayer letters" from good Christian young people who are endeavoring to raise money to pay their expenses to the mission field or carry on some other kind of Christian work. There is something about that type of letter that affects me in a rather peculiar sort of way. Now, do not misunderstand me. I do not mean to be critical. I sympathize very greatly with these wonderful Christian young men and young women who are investing their lives for the Lord and who are looking to God to move upon the hearts of people to help them to put over the program they believe God has called them to put over and to do the work they believe God has called them to do. I, however, have always used a more direct method. I make a direct appeal. So this is being written to appeal to you Christian people to do two things:

First: We are asking you to pray for us as you have never prayed before in your lives. Bob Jones University seems to be in better condition than it has ever been. God has been so good to us. He has blessed and prospered the school, but prosperity is often more dangerous than adversity. Please pray that God may keep the executives, the members of the staff, the faculty, and all the students in Bob Jones University true to the trust that God has committed to them. We are closing on May 28 our twenty-fifth year, and it has been the most wonderful year we have ever had. In spite of all the upheaval in the world, the Lord has kept this school steady and true. If we know our hearts, we have never wavered. It hasn't been

easy sometimes to stand true. Our executives carry heavy burdens. Everybody in Bob Jones University works hard. Please keep praying that the spiritual emphasis which this institution has had since the day it was founded up until now may not just be kept as it has been but pray that the Christian emphasis may be more emphatic and more powerful in the future than it has been in the past.

Second: We are asking you Christian friends to make a contribution of some amount to the Student Loan Endowment Missionary Fund between now and Commencement day. Remember that 50 per cent of every gift that comes in unless it is definitely earmarked for something else will be set aside for the Student Loan Endowment Fund for the training of missionaries who are not able to pay all their expenses, and the other 50 per cent will be set aside to get the Gospel out on the mission fields of the world. Some of you folks have already sent contributions, but we believe that God is going to lead you to send some more, and some of you have never yet made an investment in this fund. So we are asking you to come on now and help us before Commencement day. The Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University holds its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 27. We want to be able to make a good report to them at that time; so please help us. Thank you and God bless you.

BOB JONES, Founder
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Methodist Pastors Write

By the Editor

We have received many letters concerning the series of articles on "Present Day Methodism and the Bible" recently published in *The Sword of the Lord*. Here are samples. We are glad to publish them.

Methodist Modernist Commends Sword

"Dr. John R. Rice
"Wheaton, Ill.

"My dear Sir:

"I wish to commend you heartily for your article in the latest issue entitled, 'How Many Illiterate, Shabby, Ignorant, Unspiritual Christians?' I trust it may wake up some of them. I am in my eighty-fourth year. In my Methodist youth, the class leaders kept a rather close watch on their class members; and if any were 'neglectful of the means of grace,' they were around to inquire as to your spiritual health. Religious conversation in the family was common, and the books and papers read were usually of a worth while type, but it seems to me that the radio and the comics and the thousand and one distracting influences have brought a much worse condition.

"I am the more glad to say this because being a modernist, I do not agree with much of your theology. The articles on *Present-Day Methodism* have interested me. I think them the most complete treatment of the subject I have ever read, and have clipped the articles for my scrapbook. My personal interest is that all of my three children—two boys and one girl—are graduates of Ohio Wesleyan University and they all took English Bible under Professor Rollin Walker who, together with Rev. Roy Smith, author of the set of Bible books called *Know Your Bible*, seem to be the author of *Present-Day Methodism* to be the two worst modernist devils in Methodism.

"I must confess that I take THE SWORD OF THE LORD just to keep in touch with religious trends and movements in America, and to evaluate what sincere people who differ with my theology have to say, being to a moderate extent a writer on religious subjects and a student for at least sixty-five years of the Bible and of the various religions of the world. I took my first charge as a Methodist pastor sixty years ago last August, now long retired, of course, and doing little, it seems to me, except watch the world go by, since my hearing is very poor, and I am rather creaky in the joints. However, if the people of your religious ideas can do anything to wake Americans up to the necessity of righteous and serious living, you will have my blessing no matter how far astray I may think some of your ideas.

"Sincerely,"
(Signed) F. L. L. Hiller
Washington, D. C.

The Editor Comments

No, I do not suppose that Professor Rollin Walker and Dr. Roy Smith, author of the set of books, called *Know Your Bible*, are "the two worst modernist devils in Methodism." Methodist laymen are raising so much protest against

modernism among Methodists that usually only the nicer of the modernists are selected to write the literature.

We are glad that Rev. Mr. Hiller admits that the articles on *Present-Day Methodism* are a complete and honest treatment, and properly represent the material they quote.

And let us remind you again that we are just as much against the modernism of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, a Baptist, or Dr. Dryden Phelps, the pro-communist Baptist missionary recently retired by the American Baptist Convention, as against Methodist modernism. We are just for the Bible and for Jesus Christ, out-and-out, regardless of denominations or friends or foes. We are set for a defense of the gospel.

"I Am Glad That You Point Out Our Sins in a Loving Manner"

"Grant, Iowa
"February 20, 1952

"Dear Brethren:

"I have had your paper in my home several times and I consider it the outstanding paper of its kind.

"I heard Brother John Rice preach several times in a revival campaign at Shenandoah, Iowa, some years ago. Brother Bill Rice held a meeting in Fairfax, Missouri, a few years ago. My church cooperated in the campaign.

"I am a member of the Iowa-Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Church, and have been a minister in the Methodist Church for fourteen years this coming June. No bishop or district superintendent has ever told me what I could or could not preach. When I was ordained, they said preach the Word. I have never wavered in presenting my God-given convictions. The twenty-five articles of religion in our discipline are sound enough if the ministers would only believe and preach them.

"We Methodists get some publicity in your paper, and I am glad that you point out our sins in a loving manner. It's all too true that this great church isn't what she used to be. I have always prayed for God's will to be done in my life and would go tomorrow to wherever He would send me. I have never compromised since starting in the ministry in June, 1938. I fear no bishop, church leader, or layman. I only would have fear if I didn't preach to please Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ.

"Awaiting your answer and In the Blessed Hope,"

(Signed) Rev. Kenneth J. Bressler

Methodist Minister Fights for Old-Time Doctrines

Henning, Minnesota
"February 22, 1952

"Dear Sir:

"I wish to say that I have been very interested in the series of articles in your paper on modern Methodism and the Bible. I know that the very things that this book has to say are true in many cases. The evidence can be seen in the over-all spiritual condition of many Methodist churches. However, I would like to assure you that there are many of us who are preaching in the Methodist Church today that hold to the absolute infallibility of the holy Bible and the inspiration of the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit. I for one preach the saving-grace of Christ, that one must be born again, the Virgin Birth of our Lord and all the other fundamentals of the Bible. My daily prayer is that the Methodist Church will come back to the position held by John Wesley and the other men who founded the Methodist Church on those very doctrines that many Methodists have dropped by the way-

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ly and purposely. Shall puny man question, much less deny it? It is the ultimatum of God. It is the "thus saith the Lord," of that One in whose hands are our eternal souls.

The grave danger of certain methods of solicitation to church membership lies here. Popular visitation evangelism is in grave danger at this point. I believe that if a man is seeking salvation and wants the help of the church that he may be born into this new life, he has the right to enter the church. But certainly, the church is supposed to be a company of believing Christians. Those Christians must evidence their genuineness by constantly seeking out the lost that they too may believe and find Jesus as Saviour and Lord. But the new birth is really the door. It is the process by which the lost are brought into the family of God. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ in this transaction. I doubt if we are doing anybody a favor by inviting them in "some other way." Indeed, I am sure that church membership without an experience of saving grace is often, and most often, a dangerous thing. Men come to rely upon the fact that they belong to the church. They encase themselves in a false shell of respectability. They lean heavily upon their good works and righteous attitudes. An old drunkard knows he is lost and that he will perish eternally if he doesn't accept Jesus. Not so with the respectable church member. He is harder to reach, so far as the salvation of his soul is concerned, than the man in the ditch. He is the eldest son who did not leave his father's house!

Moreover, a cheap variety of faith is as dangerous as none. "The devils also believe and tremble." What we call historic faith is far removed from saving faith. Assent is not necessarily consent. Church membership is almost universally made up of believers of a kind. Few infidels belong to the church. But a faith that accepts Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour on His terms, is quite another matter. Man by such faith becomes not only a church member, but a Christian. Then, all sin goes out and Jesus takes over. The new birth denotes that a new life is begun. That's what any birth means.

The high percentage of illiteracy among our youth today, as to this important matter, is one of the tragedies of this hour. The adult generation is responsible for that illiteracy. We have held conventions, conducted retreats, called together thousands of our young people in encampments, training and drilling and coaching them in educational, cultural and other processes by which we are supposed to assist them in arriving at the great goals of Christian attainment and service. But we have neglected a far weightier matter. We have not taught them the great "must" of Holy Scriptures. We have not drilled them in the final ultimatum of the Master.

We have failed to coach our youngsters in the art of playing the greatest of all games, the game of life. We send them to the picture show to find life upon the screen. We load them down with books and magazines that supposedly deal with life. We tell them that the dance halls and road houses are full of life, and we often transport the very practices of these institutions into our church social halls, in an effort to salvage life for church youth. We have often turned the serious purpose of the church into a frolic. But we fail, utterly fail, to insist that there is no life without birth. That to live as a Christian, one must be born into the Christian life. That it is utterly impossible to live gloriously and

side. Pray for us who are fighting the good fight of faith.

"Yours in the Master's Service,"
(Signed) Rev. Cecil W. Stanley
First Methodist Church
Henning, Minnesota

The Life

triumphantly and abundantly until you are born into the kingdom of God. What a tragedy that the church has not brought this challenge, fresh from the lips of the Master, to the youth of this day!

The church has sought to substitute the living of a life, for life itself. We belittle theology, doctrine, creed. We exalt activity. Faith is not so important as fun. The modern kill-joy is the man who insists that youth stop jittersbugging long enough to seriously get started on this matter of a life that is enduring and satisfying. The cartoonist caricatures the "old long hair" who insists that the abundant life is not to be found in road houses, dance halls, or even in some church social programs. In many churches the dance draws a larger crowd than the prayer meeting, and the card game is better attended than the Bible class. This does not mean that such churches have found the life that Christ came to give and to give more abundantly. They only found a process for the amalgamation of the world with the church. It never has worked, nor do we believe it ever will.

Certainly, when this life is genuinely begun, the living of it naturally follows. I am never afraid of twice-born youth turning to

folly in the living of their lives. They are then securely hidden with Christ in God. Christ's attitudes become their attitudes. Christ's position on any issue becomes their position. Christ thinks questions through with their intellectual processes. Christ makes up their minds for them. Christ walks with their feet, reaches with their hands, speaks with their tongues, and lives in their lives.

Christ out in a dance hall in the heart of a young Christian! Can you conceive it? Christ engaged in doubtful social practices of any nature while being entertained in a young man's heart! You must never forget that Christ and this life of which I speak are identical. They cannot be separated. He lives in us, not we in Him. He motivates. He chooses. He purposes. He directs. He acts. We are but the vehicle. Let Him in. That's all we have to do. Unless this is true, Christ Himself was mistaken when He said, "This life is in his Son."

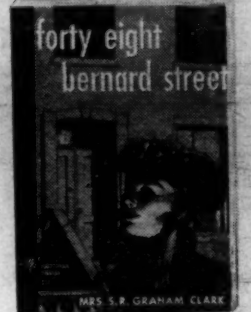
While this truth makes life far more exacting than otherwise it would be, it simplifies it tremendously. It is a straight path, but well defined. It is a narrow way, but marked at every turn and every cross road. Wayfarers need not err here. All I have to do is to trust my Pilot? It is simpler than that. All you have to do is to trust the way. It is a straight and narrow path" which leadeth

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CHAPTER III

HOW JEAN JOINED A SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS

"Henry, have you heard anything about our minister leaving us?" inquired Mrs. Manton, addressing her husband as they sat at their evening meal. "One of our neighbors tells me he read his resignation two months ago."

"So I understand from something said in the library this afternoon," replied the gentleman. "It seems he has been failing in health the last year."

"Dr. Prescott says he advised him to resign six months ago," broke in Ned. "He hated to lose him but he knew he ought to stop preaching."

"Did the doctor say where Mr. Nutter is going?" asked his mother.

"Yes; he owns a farm in New Jersey where he and his wife spend their vacations. His son lives on it."

"I'm glad he has someone of his own to care for him," said the lady.

"I wish we might have a young minister," said Grace.

"Well, you're likely to get just that if Uncle Jerry is right in his

guess," answered her brother. "He says the young fellow who supplied the pulpit twice last summer pleased the folks all right, and he is through the seminary now and has been invited to preach here for a month."

"That's good news if this young man is of the right stamp," declared Mr. Manton. "A young man ought to be a blessing to the many young people at the Old Stone Church."



"So Uncle Jerry thinks," interjected Ned. "I asked him about this chap—Waller is his name—but he said it was hard to judge of a man by two sermons, one of them cut in the middle by a call

to a patient." Mr. Manton smiled, and cast a significant glance at his wife as the phrase, "Uncle Jerry," fell for the second time from their son's lips. "So you've been picking up a new relative, have you, Ned?" he joked.

The lad flushed. "That's what he calls himself when he's talking to me, 'your Uncle Jerry.' He says 'Jerry' is shorter than 'Prescott,' and 'Uncle' sounds better than 'Doctor' in his ears. So to please him it's 'Uncle Jerry' when I'm at his house, and I expect I'll be calling him that in other places when I don't know it."

"That needn't worry you," laughed his father, "but it may throw a little light on a conversation I had with the gentleman the other day when I told him I'd like to settle my bill. 'Bill?' he echoed as if in surprise, 'did you think I had a bill against you? Not a bit of it. All in the world that boy needed was a chance to chum a little with some old uncle. The debt is on my side, Manton.'"

"What a man!" exclaimed Mrs. Manton.

"And all man!" added Ned. "If I'm ever a doctor I want to be like him. After this it's 'Uncle Jerry' and 'Aunt Nell' for mine, for Doc's sister seems to have taken a fancy to me, too. She runs to meet me at the door when she sees me coming, and takes my hat and coat. Uncle Jerry tells me not to be surprised whatever she does; that she was meant to fuss over young folks and mother a crowd, but gave up her opportunity just to make a home for one lone man. But she said, 'That's not quite true, Jerry. I did not give up my opportunity, death robbed me of it, and I've been trying to get even with death ever since. That's why I'm bound to help the man who is fighting death, tooth and nail, day and night!' They're a great pair and no mistake!" added the lad.

Grace Manton knocked on Jean's door and immediately opened it. "I've come to spend the afternoon," she announced. "Mother has gone out and taken Fee-fe,

and I'm to sit where I can see our side door so as to catch the store boy. Mother sent in a late order, tomorrow being Saturday. She wants to start her baking early. I suppose you've heard that the minister left town yesterday, so we are to have a supply Sunday?"

"Yes; Uncle Jerry told me." "Uncle Jerry!" So you are one of Dr. Prescott's favored relatives?"

"Yes; I earned that honor. When first he came to me he promised to be my uncle if I responded properly and promptly to his treatments. If I didn't he threatened to have nothing more to do with me."

"Funny man!" commented Grace, taking out her tatting. "How do you like my work, Jean?"

"It's very pretty."

"I haven't touched it for ages," said Grace, "but I've been so homesick for the girls my shuttle looked like an old friend when I came across it today. That makes me think—a lady called on Mother yesterday, a Mrs. Grover, and she had her daughter with her, whose name is Irene. She is fifteen years old. I was so glad to see a girl I coaxed her off to my room to show her my dolls. But, she seemed quite disgusted to think I still cared for dolls, said she had given them up years ago. You'd have thought her an antediluvian."

"Then I told her about Topaz, our cat. He is the funniest fellow, Jean! I'd have brought him in to see you before this if it wasn't for Squirrel. Topaz isn't fond of dogs. We must manage, somehow, to get you over to our house so you can see him sit at the dining-table. He occupies my old high-chair. He was forever stealing into Fee-fe's chair—rushing for the dining-room as soon as the dinner-bell rang. So father took pity on him and brought my chair from the attic. He sits between papa and me and is very conscious of the dignity of his position. I've made him a bib. You should see him lift his chin to have it put on."

"Does he really eat at the table?" asked Jean.

"Yes, really. His chair has a tray attached and his dish is placed on it. He is handsome—white and yellow—and he keeps his coat spotless. Then he's tall, so that he can eat from his dish without the help of his paws. If he ever forgets and lifts one of his paws, papa invariably snaps it with his finger, and down it goes. There's only one thing we haven't been able to teach him as yet; that is, to ask to be excused when he wishes to leave the table. When he has had enough he's apt to hop down, bib and all, and the bib nearly trips him up when he tries to walk."

Jean's eyes were shining.

"You look as if you were interested," laughed Grace, "but Irene Grover was not. She said she detested cats. I asked her what she had done this summer, and she replied, that she had been at the Beach for a month; that the bathing and dancing were fine and the movies fair; she had read some great love stories; and that she 'adored' basketball and all winter sports. Jean, do you know any nice girls around here?"

"No," answered her friend. "Most of the families about here that owned young folks moved when the landlords raised the price of apartments. But I know a few girls by sight who live near here and I've named them to please myself."

"You queer mortal! Tell me about them, but, please, don't let me forget to watch our door."

"I'll watch it while you tat. There's one girl who lives near the bottom of this street—second house, I think—and I like her looks. I call her 'Miss Steady' because she is sober and walks very quietly. She never runs and is never seen laughing and talking with other girls."

"Does she dress well?"

"Comfortably; nothing fancy. Her skirts are neither too long nor too short and always of dark material. She wears nice shoes, but I don't believe she cares for colors. Now Miss Beauty is a rainbow."

"Miss Beauty! Tell me about her."

"She is very pretty and has the

loveliest complexion—pink cheeks and eyes like Fee-fe's, with long, long lashes. Her hair is like Fee-fe's too, and it curls. She wears lovely clothes, sometimes silk, and low shoes and silk stockings. Her sweater—one of them—looks like moonlight, and her hat is the cunningest thing, though she doesn't always wear it, and—oh, yes, she has a pink sunshade."

"Does she look friendly?"

Jean hesitated before answering this question. "I think she might be with certain persons. She trips along with her head up and as if she knew she was pretty and well-dressed and liked to be."

"I guess she is vain."

"Well, she can't help knowing how pretty she is," said Jean, "and of course she's glad she is."

"Do you think it right to be proud, Jean?"

"No; but sometimes it may be hard not to be. I haven't seen Miss Beauty for a long time, she must be off somewhere spending her vacation. She used to pass here every Saturday with a music roll. I loved to watch her, she sort of brightened everything."

"Miss Steady and Miss Beauty are not the only girls who go by here, are they, Jean?"

"No, there's another, a slender little thing. She—"

The invalid stopped abruptly and looked at her companion. "I don't like to

talk of clothes," she said, "but this girl has one dress that seems very odd to me. It is made of checked goods and is very narrow and—short, and it is fringed around the bottom! She wears a green and

orange sweater, and there is a woman with her sometimes who dresses strangely, too. There! I won't say another word about dress, Grace. I'd rather talk about faces, but some costumes do set one wondering."

"And what do you call this last girl?"

"Miss Frump. That's what papa used to call me when I was small and liked to dress up. Poor little Miss Frump!" with a sigh. Grace laughed. "One would think Miss Frump the most pitiable of objects," she said.

"She is," was the reply. "She seems to have little in herself and no one to teach her. She needs Jesus."

"She needs common sense," contradicted Grace, dropping her work and facing the speaker. "I want to know, Jean Myers, if you don't think it possible for a girl to be sensible and pretty in her manners and modest in her dress, yet up-to-date even if she hasn't any religion?"

"Yes," agreed Jean, "it's possible; but when the inside is right it's a lot easier to be beautiful."

"Pray, what do you mean by that?"

"Why," began her friend slowly, as if feeling her way along, "we always follow the want-to in us, don't we, Grace? And the want-to is, almost always, anxious to do and be and look like other folks—or if it isn't just anxious, isn't it rather ashamed of not being so?"

Jean paused and looked at her companion. "But," she went on, still slowly, "if we had somebody whom we loved better than the whole world and would rather please than anyone else, who lived with us every minute and always did right, wouldn't that make our right-doing easier?"

"I suppose it would," agreed Grace reluctantly, "but there are lots of people who walk straight and dress decently and do right however hard it may be. My mother would always be proper if she weren't a Christian."

"Yes; but now she is more than proper, she's precious," was the instant defense. "She is just what Jesus is in her. It's nice to be without trying to be; when we try, people know it."

Grace was silenced if not convinced. "Well," she said, "I'm sorry for Miss Frump too, because she is so foolish; but you were so doleful over her I had to protest. There! Jean Myers, that storeboy

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is ringing our bell and we paying no attention to anybody except Miss Frump!"

The next Monday morning Grace ran in to see Jean. "I've only a moment," she said, "school begins today. But, Jean, the young minister we had yesterday is fine—handsome, with a lovely voice and eyes!"

"Was his sermon good?"

"I guess so. Everybody seemed delighted. One of the girls in our Sunday-school class says he is engaged to a wealthy Miss Royston of this city. They met at college and it was through her father that he came here last summer to supply. The girls feel sure he will be our next pastor, and I hope so."

"Do you like your Sunday-school, Grace?"

"My! yes! and you'll scarcely believe it, but every one of your girls are in the class—Miss Beauty and Miss Steady and poor little Miss Frump. She had on the identical plaid dress-skirt with the fringe. Oh, Jean, Miss Beauty is a beauty! Her skin!—why, the closer you get to her the finer it is, and she doesn't use a cosmetic—the girls said so. She noticed me, Jean—spoke to me, said, 'I believe this is the daughter of our new City Librarian.' So you see she considers me worth cultivating."

"Was Irene Grover there?"

"At Sunday-school? Yes; but not in our class. She's in a class of older girls. The girls in our class are all about my age—fourteen. There are six of us and we have the sweetest looking teacher in the school. Her name is Miss Sarah Daniels, and she's a dear! There, I must run or I'll be late at school the first day. Wish me good luck, Jean." Grace blew a kiss from her fingers.

"She said 'our class,'" smiled Jean, little thrills of delight running up and down her spine. "Our class; and 'our teacher!' Grace is a dear—she counts me in! I'm so glad. I've always wanted to belong to a Sunday-school class and now I do. I'll study the lessons more than ever and write all of our names in my note-book as fast as I learn them. I have two names besides my own already—Grace Manton and Miss Sarah Daniels! That's a lovely name—Sarah Daniels. It sounds real Bible-y."

And that's how it happened that Jean Myers joined a Sunday-school class.

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Great Program Planned

These will be busy and happy days. We will begin our day with a praise and prayer meeting. Then a hearty breakfast, fit for the finest cowboy who ever rode a bucking bronc, or roped a wall-eyed Brahma steer! Then to work, and it will be something to see John Rice ramrod the construction of the dining hall, while Woodrow Medlock bosses a gang putting up cabins. All able-bodied men will help—evangelists, pastors, missionaries and laymen, working shoulder to shoulder.

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Just before or just after the noon meal, John Rice will speak. He will show how to prepare and deliver gospel messages, and every preacher should leave the conference with twelve or fifteen brand new sermons. Of course this instruction will be very valuable not only to preachers but to all Christian workers.

Fun on the Ranch

The afternoons will be used for recreation. Lovers of nature will be delighted with the wild flowers and trees, and will thoroughly enjoy the beautiful and restful woods and fields. There will be jeep trips over the rugged foothills. Others will want to play ball, or just plain loaf.

Be a Cowboy

But I believe that most of us will want to be a cowboy and ride the wonderful horses of the Bill Rice ranch, lovely Tennessee walking horses—the easiest riding horses in the world. Gentle and obedient, these horses are safe for inexperienced riders, and even a tenderfoot can ride them without being sore. You have never ridden such horses as Honey, the golden mare; Dawn, the beautiful black; Rusty, a brilliant strawberry roan; and Bobbie, the gentle blue. These horses were sent to us by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hedgepeth, of Nixa, Missouri. Then there is Lady, a lovely brown mare that has won enough

blue ribbons to adorn a lady's hat. Lady and two beautiful chestnuts were given us by Christian neighbors named Fann, Sims and Ensley. Then there is Silver, as gentle as Mary's little lamb; Black Star, and others. Of course there are the two Arabians, presented to us by Abdullah, late king in Palestine. The Arabians are too frisky for a tenderfoot to ride, but you will enjoy having your picture taken with them.

Donkeys, Too

The kiddies will especially enjoy the four donkeys. They are gentle and safe for kids to ride, and adults, too, will have fun with them. You will also enjoy playing with the colts, baby goats, etc. There will be a charge for riding the horses and donkeys to help care for their feed and handling; probably a charge of fifty cents per ride for the horses, less for the donkeys.

Free Food and Lodging

There will be no charge for those who are willing to work. We will try to furnish food for everyone who comes this year. The food will be simple fare, prepared ranch style around a camp fire. It will be good and wholesome. We will try to pitch a tent for the women and girls to sleep under at night. The men will probably sleep under the stars.

You Must Bring

1. Bedding, blankets, sheets, cots, or whatever you expect to use. Perhaps you will simply bring one blanket to roll up in. We will furnish straw that will make a comfortable (?) pallet if you plan to sleep on the ground. If you can bring a cot or sleeping-bag, so much the better. It is entirely up to you.
2. Eating and cooking utensils. Bring old dishes or tin plates, or whatever you like. Every person must furnish his own cups, plates, silver.
3. Sport and work clothes.

Work on Cumberwood Conference Ground, Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee



Two 100-foot army barracks were bought to start building program at new conference ground, 9 miles North of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on Highway 96 (on the Bill Rice Ranch). Here we see lumber and dismantled sections unloaded by volunteer workers. Building materials will be on hand for the construction of large dining hall, kitchen, and some cabins, at the first pioneer "work" conference July 13-20. Those who work 4 hours daily on construction, cooking, brush clearing, etc., will have substantial meals furnished free. People must bring their own bed rolls for this "rough-it" conference.

Features will be early morning prayer meeting; one hour daily lessons on preparation and delivery of sermons, by the editor; another hour of Bible teaching and a big public preaching service nightly. This nonprofit corporation needs added funds for lumber, concrete blocks, electric wiring, and other material. Dormitories and a large tabernacle to seat 1,500, will be constructed as soon as funds are available. The editor and associate editor, on the Board of Directors, guarantee proper use of funds and soundness in doctrine.

NOTE. Girls will wear dresses rather than shorts or slacks. For riding, hiking, etc., we suggest a divided skirt (culottes), which is a skirt but gives perfect liberty for riding. A very full pleated skirt might be all right for riding, although the other is better.

WILL YOU HELP?

We need so many things and perhaps you will feel it of God to help us. Of course we are badly in need of money. My lovely wife and I have put every dime we could rake up into this project. We sold our home in Wheaton and put approximately one-half of the entire amount into missionary work, and one-half into the Tennessee conference grounds. Payments on the ranch are \$1,600 a year, and we pay a fine young Christian \$100 a month to live there and work for us. This makes \$2,800 a year, which is an enormous amount of money for one evangelist to pay. Mrs. Rice and I last year borrowed \$1,100 on our car and sold almost everything we could that would bring a dollar, to keep the work going. The E. E. Widners (Mrs. Bill Rice's parents) gave us \$1,000; the Sword of the Lord gave \$500, and will give \$500 more. Dwight and Paul Life, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, gave \$275; Donald Hallett, of Hartland, N. B., gave \$175, and there have been other gifts of \$5, \$10, \$20, etc. We believe many of you who have attended Sword Conferences on Evangelism and realize the worth of this work, will want to help. We believe that you will agree we ought to have a great conference ground that will be run without profit. We have just purchased and moved some army barracks from Nashville to the ranch, and from this material we will put up a large dining hall, and perhaps another small building, but we need money to buy cheap lumber for temporary cabins, as well as donations for permanent concrete block cabins with running water. This type cabin will cost approximately \$175. Any amount of money you can send will be greatly appreciated and prayerfully and carefully used.

TRACTOR NEEDED

We bought and paid for a jeep truck, made a down-payment on a Ford truck (both used) and now we badly need a tractor. If someone who reads this has an old tractor that you could donate, will you please get in touch with me

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IV. Christ's Coming for His Saints Must Be Before the Great Tribulation Since "No Man Knoweth the Day Nor the Hour When the Son of Man Cometh"

Concerning Christ's coming, He Himself said in Matthew 24:36, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." No man can know when Jesus is coming! Then in the same passage Jesus went on to say that His coming would be as unexpected as the flood, when "they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered in to the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:38, 39). The people of Noah's day did not know until the day

at once and we will make arrangement for getting it. As implements, we need a mower and plows. We will also need a scoop with which to move dirt. We could buy new equipment wholesale if we had the money but it would take something like \$1,800. Perhaps some farmer or dealer can help supply this need, or perhaps many of you would give donations. Then we need bridles, saddles, large cooking utensils, and other ranch items. Perhaps you even have a Shetland pony that your children have outgrown and you would be glad to donate for Jesus' sake. Will you write me, Evangelist Bill Rice, 214 W. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois?

ARE YOU COMING?

Word comes from people in Des Moines, Pontiac, Michigan, Minneapolis, and other places who plan to meet with us for this great historic conference. Will you be one of the number? I do hope you will come with your entire family. If you come through Murfreesboro, the ranch is nine miles out on the Franklin Road. If you come through Nashville, take 41A to 96 (Franklin Road) and turn about four miles toward Murfreesboro until you come to the ranch.

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of the flood; not until the rain itself actually began and the door of the ark was already shut did the people know, and so will it be when Jesus comes. No man knows, nor can know, when Jesus is coming.

This same teaching is repeated by the Saviour in Mark 13:32 where He says, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven neither the Son." Even Jesus Himself did not know when He would return! Now that He is in Heaven and has assumed again the glory that He had with the Father, no doubt He does know. But He did not know on earth, nor can any other man on earth know. In the following verses Jesus plainly warns again, "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is." Then in verse 35 he says again, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh."

Now if Christ must come and the rapture takes place only AFTER a Great Tribulation, then everybody could know when the rapture would take place. When the Man of Sin appears and enters into the temple as God, committing the abomination of desolation, as foretold by the prophet Daniel, mentioned above, then every person with a casual acquaintance with the Bible will know that the Great Tribulation has begun. He will know that there will be 1,260 days till Christ will return with saints and angels to destroy the Man of Sin and reign on the earth. Not only that, but there is a regular order of events which is made fairly clear in the book of Revelation, certain plagues, the gathering of armies, the fall of Rome, the final assemblage in Palestine of the army of two hundred million. I say, if the coming of Christ for His saints must come after the tribulation, then everyone should know when it would occur. But no, no one knows, or can know, until the very day and hour when Jesus comes. Therefore it must come before these carefully ordered and scheduled events in the Great Tribulation time. The only way that the coming of Christ can be indefinite is that it shall be imminent, that is, that He may come at any moment. So the rapture

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ture cannot be after the tribulation, or even in the midst of it. Not a single known event is required to come before the coming of the Saviour and the rapture of His saints, so it must be before the tribulation.

V. The Rapture Is Pictured in Revelation 4:1 and 2, Clearly Before the Great Tribulation

Revelation chapters 2 and 3 picture the church age. After the third chapter of Revelation there is no mention whatever of the church. The message to the Laodicean church is evidently a warning for the very last days of the church age. Then this is followed immediately by Revelation 4:1 and 2 which seems to picture the rapture.

Look first at I Thessalonians 4:16 and 17 and then Revelation

4:1 and see if they are not both speaking of the same thing:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."—I Thess. 4:16, 17.

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither...."—Rev. 4:1.

Revelation 4:1 seems to speak of the rapture, and all the more since this immediately follows the last mention of the churches or church.

At the close of the tribulation time in Revelation, chapter 19, there is not any mention of the rapture or church. There is no interval allowed for the judgment seat of Christ when Christians' works will be tried by fire. If in the book of Revelation the time for the rapture, the catching away of the saved to meet Christ in the air, is placed at all by the Scripture, it is placed in Revelation 4:1 and 2, before the tribulation time.

VI. Twenty-Four Elders with Physical Bodies are Pictured in Heaven Before the Tribulation

Read carefully Revelation 4, verses 4 and 10:

"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.... The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne...."

Notice these twenty-four elders in Heaven were seen sitting upon literal seats, they had white clothes and on literal heads they had crowns of gold. Then these twenty-four elders were seen to fall down before Christ on the throne, praising Christ and throwing their crowns before Him.

This is a picture that can only properly follow the resurrection, at the rapture of the saints. After the rapture Christ will say to one, "Have thou authority over ten cities" and to another, "Be thou also over five cities" (Luke 19:15-19). These rewards will be announced at the judgment seat of Christ after the rapture. How fitting then that these twenty-four elders with crowns signifying that these are to reign with Christ on the earth (Rev. 5:10) should be pictured in Heaven in physical bodies and this immediately after Revelation 4:1 and 2 which pictures the rapture. And all this is before the Great Tribulation which is pictured later in the book of Revelation, particularly in chapters 11 to 19 inclusive.

VII. Second Thessalonians 2:1 to 8 Seems Clearly to Teach that the Holy Spirit Dwelling in Saved People Prevents the Appearance of

the Man of Sin and the Tribulation.

Second Thessalonians 2:7 and 8 say, "...he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." I have never found any satisfactory explanation of this Scripture except that the Holy Spirit restrains the wickedness developing on every hand so that the Man of Sin cannot be revealed until the Holy Spirit (in the sense of His working through the church) is taken out at the rapture. And then, after the rapture, the Man of Sin will be revealed and the tribulation will take place.

It is important to notice that in that passage, verses 1 to 8, the Lord makes clear distinction between the "day of Christ," when He returns in glory to reign on the earth and the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him." The return of Christ to reign cannot come until after the Man of Sin. Such seems to be the clear teaching of this Scripture and it fits exactly with all which the rest of the Bible has to say on the same subject.

VIII. There is No Evident Connection in Scripture Between "The Last Trump" of I Corinthians 15:52, "The Trump of God" in I Thessalonians 4:16 With the So-Called "Seventh Trumpet" of Revelation

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lation on earth, before Christ comes, which ever impressed me was the argument that the resurrection of the Christian dead and the rapture of the saints would take place at the sound of the last trumpet, which I was told (Continued on page 12)

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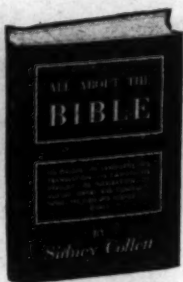


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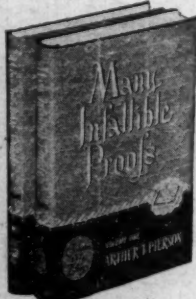
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through THE SWORD OF THE LORD or other Christian periodicals which come to your homes. Don't you think it would be a fine time to begin to be a good, courteous Christian in this matter, too? If you have been taught, if you have been helped, if you have been inspired by THE SWORD OF THE LORD or by other Sword publications, then it is your Christian duty as well as a sweet privilege to write us to encourage us and cheer us along in this work.

Letter Month Closes June 10!

Why have a letter month? Why urge everybody to write telling of blessings they received through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the services we give?

First of all, we really want to improve THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the services we give. We want to know what has blessed your heart, and what God has used the most in our work.

Second, we want you to be frank in your suggestions and criticisms. If we are wrong, we want to know so. If we could improve THE SWORD OF THE LORD, that is the constant prayer and desire of our heart. We want your friendly advice.

Third, and even more important, we feel that THE SWORD OF THE LORD cannot do its best work without the love and prayers and interest and active co-operation of the tens of thousands of readers each week. General Motors Corporation recently gave away forty automobiles to their employees for the best letters on "Why I like my job." Twenty-five thousand people wrote letters on that subject. People who have a regular salary, and the security and the benefits which come from good jobs, should like their jobs and should learn to appreciate them. They should learn to cooperate with the company that provides the jobs and security and happiness, comforts and luxuries which good wages provide. And if General Motors can make better automobiles by the loving cooperation and price and help of their employees, then certainly in the Lord's work we must have the prayers and love and cooperation of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Many, many people have summed up in their own minds the blessings they receive from THE SWORD OF THE LORD and will be better Christians and better

friends and helpers for this work, because they stopped to count their blessings and to write a letter of appreciation.

A fourth reason for letter month is that many, many people have in mind good deeds they should do but neglect them day after day. They would subscribe for others and send the blessings, the revival power, the Bible teaching, the life-transforming inspiration of THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the homes of loved ones and friends, but they never take time for it. They let the opportunity slip. Sometimes they want for themselves good books, or a catalog, or to ask a question, or to send a gift for our Free Literature Fund, and never do it because it is never convenient to write. For all these, we want to make it convenient and easy to do right. We want them to do the thing that they ought to do. With that in mind, we have offered gifts and encouragements for people to write through letter month.

Remember the trains run both ways! And God has said, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Will you 'communicate' with us right away? And get your letter in the mail at once so it can be counted in letter month. Remember the dead line is midnight, June 10!

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tants in certain Latin American and European countries were also singled out for attack. Closing message of the convention was brought by Dr. Billy Graham, famed evangelist, who eloquently urged a more sincere and spiritual ministry for the bringing of true revival among Protestants, and to this country and the world. The NAE voted to have its next (April 7-10, 1953) convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pentecostal Leader Interviews Niemoeller

NEW YORK, (E/P) The Rev. David J. du Plessis, Secretary of the World Fellowship of Pentecostals reports to E/P that on March 21 he had a personal interview with Dr. Martin Niemoeller, Hitler's former prisoner and a present leader of the Lutheran Church in Germany. Subject discussed was Niemoeller's recent visit to Moscow where he met the

leaders of the various religious groups in Russia. He told du Plessis that Pentecostals, Baptists, and Evangelicals have been merged into one united body by order of the Soviet Government, but that these churches now include some 3,200,000 members worshipping in thousands of "functioning" churches.

Extravagant Claim of Pope

Cardinal Manning in one of his sermons quotes Pope Pius IX as declaring: "In his (Christ's) right I am sovereign. I acknowledge no civil superior; and I claim more than this. I claim to be the Supreme Judge on earth; and director of the consciences of men; of the peasant that tills the field, and the prince that sits on the throne; of the household that lives in the shade of privacy; and the legislature that makes the laws for the kingdom. I am the last Judge on earth of what is right and wrong."

Fifteen New Tongues

NEW YORK, (E/P) Some portion of the Bible has been published in 1,049 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1951, according to a recent statement issued by the American Bible Society. Fifteen new languages were added to the list last year. There are also 85 languages in which short passages of collections of passages have been published but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared. The whole Bible was published for the first time in four dialects, all spoken in Africa. New Testaments were published in nine languages—languages of Asia, Africa, the West Indies, and Mexico.

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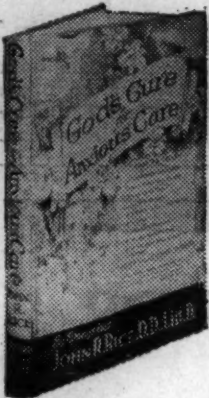
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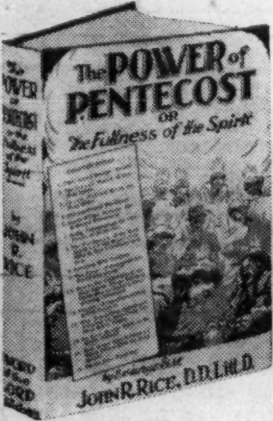
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was the one which is mentioned as sounding in Revelation 11:15, in the tribulation time. However, further study shows that Revelation 11:15 and I Corinthians 15:52 are not talking about the same thing at all.

First, when Paul spoke of the resurrection and rapture "at the last trump" in I Corinthians 15:52, the book of Revelation was not written and it would be foolish to suppose that Paul referred to a

trumpet sounding, which would be one of seven which had never yet been mentioned in the Bible, and when, if that were the case, I Corinthians could not be understood until Revelation was written many, many years later. There is not a case in the Bible of language being used which could not be understood till some later revelation should be made.

Second, the resurrection "at the last trump" certainly meant the

last trump in the sense of a final trumpet call to assemble the hosts of God based on the customary scriptural use and meaning of the trumpet and not on a beautiful figure of speech which God would use far later about an entirely different matter. The church is "ekklesia," a called-out assembly. God has called His own to salvation, has called together His warriors in the past, has called together groups and congregation of Christians around the world and down through the ages. But one day He will call the last great assembly and all the people of God will assemble to "the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24). And that will be the last great assembly for then, "so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:17) and will never leave Him. That will be the last trump in the sense of a call to the people of God to assemble.

Actually the Bible does not speak of "the last trumpet" in Revelation nor even of the "seventh trumpet." Rather it is "the seventh angel" and not the seventh trumpet." And the seven angels in Revelation are announcing the judgments of God on the earth, "hail and fire mingled with blood," etc., on the wicked earth. There is no connection between the trump of I Corinthians 15:52 assembling the saints of God in Heaven and the trumpet judgments of Revelation which were not revealed till many years afterwards. They are not the same kind of trumpets, and the figurative use of the trumpet to announce God's judgments in Revelation had not been revealed and could not be expected to be in Paul's mind when he wrote I Corinthians 15:

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The Pharisee and the Publican

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others." The sin which our Lord denounces is "self-righteousness."

We are all naturally self-righteous. It is the family disease of all the children of Adam. From the highest to the lowest we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to do. We secretly flatter ourselves that we are not so bad as some, and that we have something to recommend us to the favour of God. "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness" (Prov. 20:6). We forget the plain testimony of Scripture, "In many things we offend all." "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not." "What is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?" (Jas. 3:2; Eccles. 7:10; Job 15:14).

The true cure for self-righteousness is self-knowledge. Once let the eyes of our understanding be opened by the Spirit, and we shall talk no more of our own goodness. Once let us see what there is in our own hearts, and what the holy law of God requires, and self-conceit will die. We shall lay our hands on our mouths and cry with the leper, "Unclean, unclean" (Lev. 13:45).

Let us notice, secondly, in these verses, the prayer of the Pharisee, which our Lord condemns. We read that he said, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess."

One great defect stands out on the face of this prayer—a defect so glaring that even a child might mark it. It exhibits no sense of sin and need. It contains no confession and no petition, no acknowledgment of guilt and emptiness, no supplication for mercy and grace. It is a mere boasting recital of fancied merits, accompanied by an uncharitable reflection on a brother sinner. It is a proud, high-minded profession, destitute alike of penitence, humility, and charity. In short, it hardly deserves to be called a prayer at all.

No state of soul can be conceived so dangerous as that of the Pharisee. Never are men's bodies in such desperate plight as when mortification and insensibility set in. Never are men's hearts in such a hopeless condition as when they are not sensible of their own sins. He that would not make shipwreck on this rock must beware of measuring himself by his neighbors. What does it signify that we are more moral than "other men"? We are all vile and imperfect in the sight of God. If we contend with him, we cannot answer him one in a thousand (Job 9:3). Let us remember this. In all our self-examination, let us not try ourselves by comparison with the standard of men. Let us look at nothing but the requirements of God. He that acts on this principle will never be a Pharisee.

Let us notice, thirdly, in these verses, the prayer of the publican, which our Lord commends. That prayer was in every respect the very opposite of that of the Pharisee. We read that he "stood afar off, and smote upon his breast, and said, God be merciful to me a sinner." Our Lord Himself stamps this short prayer with the seal of His approbation. He says, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other."

The excellence of the publican's prayer consists in five points, each of which deserves attention. For

one thing, it was a real petition. A prayer which only contains thanksgiving and profession, and asks nothing, is essentially defective. It may be suitable for an angel, but it is not suitable for a sinner. For another thing, it was a direct personal prayer. The publican did not speak of his neighbors, but himself. Vagueness and generality are the great defects of most men's religion. To get out of "we," and "our," and "us," into "I," and "my," and "me," is a great step toward Heaven. For another thing, it was a humble prayer—a prayer which put self in the right place. The publican confessed plainly that he was a sinner. This is the very A B C of saving Christianity. We never begin to be good till we can feel and say that we are bad. For another thing, it was a prayer in which mercy was the chief thing desired, and faith in God's covenant mercy, however weak, displayed. Mercy is the first thing we must ask for in the day we begin to pray. Mercy and grace must be the subject of our daily petitions at the throne of grace till the day we die. Finally, the publican's prayer was one which came from his heart. He was deeply moved in uttering it. He smote upon his breast, like one who felt more than he could express. Such prayers are the prayers which are God's delight. A broken and a contrite heart He will not despise (Psa. 51:17).

Let these things sink down into our hearts. He that has learned to feel his sins has great reason to be thankful. We are never in the way of salvation until we know that we are lost, ruined, guilty, and helpless. Happy indeed is he who is not ashamed to sit by the side of the publican! When our experience tallies with his, we may hope that we have found a place in the school of God.

Let us notice, lastly, in these verses, the high praise which our Lord bestows on humility. He says, "Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The principle here laid down is so frequently found in the Bible that it ought to be deeply graven in our memories. Three times we find our Lord using the words before us in the gospels, and on three distinct occasions. Humility, He would evidently impress us, is among the first and foremost graces of the Christian character. It was a leading grace in Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Job, Isaiah and Daniel. It ought to be a leading grace in all who profess to serve Christ. All the Lord's people have not gifts or money. All are not called to preach, or write, or fill a prominent place in the church. But all are called to be humble. One grace at least should adorn the poorest and most unlearned believer. That grace is humility.

Let us leave the whole passage with a deep sense of the great encouragement it affords to all who feel their sins, and cry to God for mercy in Christ's name. Their sins may have been many and great. Their prayers may seem weak, faltering, unconnected and poor. But let them remember the publican, and take courage. That same Jesus who commended his prayer is sitting at the right hand of God to receive sinners. Then let them hope and pray on.

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Why It Is Important that Christ's Coming Is Before the Great Tribulation

At first glance the reader may think it doesn't matter whether Jesus will come before the Great Tribulation, or whether we must go on through the tribulation period, and then expect the Saviour to appear. But it does matter, as I will show you.

First, if one does not expect Jesus now, at any moment, then he will not be watching for Christ's coming. It is a command, many times repeated in the Bible, that we are to watch, looking for Jesus. Every Christian should feel "my citizenship is in Heaven. At any moment my Saviour, my Bridegroom may come to take me away. So I must not be absorbed in the things of this life. I must be looking for Jesus!" Certainly a young lady will think more of her beloved, her sweetheart, if she has planned to marry him just as soon as he can return from a far journey, and if she looks for him day and night, eagerly awaiting and longing for his coming. And that is the attitude that Christ has commanded His people to have.


But if Christ cannot come until after the tribulation, then people will be looking more for the Antichrist. If all these plagues and troubles must come, and Christians may not see their Saviour until after the tribulation has run its full course, then it is natural for people to feel there is no use looking constantly for Jesus, if He cannot come at present. God does not want us absorbed in the newspapers more than in the Bible, nor thinking more about the Antichrist than about the Christ. Some Christians are more interested in the mark of the Beast, and the number 666, and in whether the Antichrist will be a Jew and whether Babylon will be literally rebuilt, than they are in getting souls saved and ready for Jesus to come. We should be thinking more about Christ's coming than about the Great Tribulation.

Second, there is a certain blessed result in the Christian life that cannot come except by constant watching for Jesus. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:3). The hope of Christ's imminent coming leads people to watch constantly and make themselves pure. This is expressed again in Titus 2:12 and 13 which say:

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

There is a clear connection here between living soberly and righteously and godly while "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God our Saviour Jesus Christ." And the same thing is expressed in I John 2:28. We are to be abiding in Christ all the time so we will not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If we constantly look for Jesus to come at any moment, we will live purer lives and happier lives, with the attitude of mind Jesus clearly commands for all Christians.

And third, those who really expect Jesus to come any moment are more likely to be winning souls. In II Peter 3:9 the Lord explains why He has delayed His coming. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Christ's coming does not wait on the Great Tribulation; it waits on soul winning! And we who are led by the spirit of Christ in this matter must be earnestly at work, knowing that our time is short. Jesus may come at any moment, and all our opportunities for soul winning will be gone. Jesus may come at any moment, and those we love, if unsaved, will be left behind. We will not have three and a half awful years of tribulation in which to plead with our loved ones. We will be taken away before that time. Therefore we must win souls while we can.



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